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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed November 19, 2007, enclosed are a completed issue fee transmittal form PTOL-85b (1 page) and Comments on Examiner's Reasons for Allowance (2 pages).

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Respectfully submitted,

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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Regarding item 1 of the Examiner's Reason of Allowance (on page 6 of the Notice of Allowance mailed 19 November 2007, however labeled as page 2), Applicants submit that a response to the most recent Office Action was filed on 5 September 2007 and not on 16 May 2007 as stated by the Examiner.

Regarding item 2 of the Examiner's Reason of Allowance (also on page 6 of the Notice of Allowance), Applicants submit that claims 1, 19, 20 and 38 are independent claims, for the subject application, and claims 2-18, 21-37 respectfully depend from independent claims 1 and 20. The Applicants assert that the Examiner was incorrect in stating that claims 1, 8, 16 and 21 are independent claims and that claims "2-7, 9-13, 17-20 and 22-24 respectively depend from claims 1, 8, 16 and 21". As discussed below, the Examiner's Reason of Allowance are associated with another patent application (i.e., application number 10/756,930).

Also regarding item 2, the Examiner recites the independent claims as including "Wherein scaling comprises multiplying the first stroke parameter with a ratio of a reference area to the input area." Applicants note that this language is not included in the independent claims (i.e., independent claims 1, 19, 20 and 38) of the subject application.

Further regarding item 2, the Examiner states that U.S. Patent No. 5,911,005 to Uchiyama is the closest reference for disclosing a character recognition method and system. Applicants note the this reference is not of record in this case and thus cannot be the "closest reference."

Regarding item 3 of the Examiner's Reason of Allowance (also on page 6 of the Notice of Allowance), Applicants submit that the withdrawn claim rejections are directed toward the claims of the other patent application (i.e., application number 10/756,930) and are not associated with the subject application (i.e., Application No.: 10/789,674).

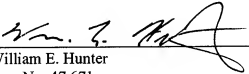
Applicants appreciate Examiner Abdi and Examiner Jingge for taking time out of their schedule on 19 February 2008 to discuss the subject application with the Applicants' representative, Mr. Jeffrey J. Barclay (Reg. No. 48,950), in regards to the Examiner's Reason for Allowance. Applicants also appreciate Examiner Abdi for confirming that the Notice of Allowance for the subject application (i.e., Application No.: 10/789,674) includes a portion of a Notice of Allowance for another application (i.e., Application No. 10/756,930). In particular, the "Reason of Allowance" associated with Application No. 10/756,930 appears to have been included in the Notice of Allowance for the subject application (i.e., Application No. 10/789,674). Applicants further appreciate Examiner Abdi for informing the Applicants' representative that he will produce and send a Supplemental Notice of Allowance (on 20 February 2008) to the Applicants to provide the appropriate Reason of Allowance, which was not included in the Notice of Allowance mailed 19 November 2007.

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10/789,674	02/27/2004	John W. Worthington	07844-633001	7589

TITLE OF INVENTION: USING DIFFERENCE KERNELS FOR IMAGE FILTERING

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